

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (New) Snowboard binding with a base plate and a center disk in a circular center opening in the center of the base plate, wherein the center disk rests with a circumferential section tapered towards the snowboard on an edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening and is provided with fastening openings for the fastening elements for fixing the center disk and thus the base plate to the snowboard, and with a locking device which is arranged on the edge section of the base plate at the center opening and secures the center disk on the base plate against rotational movement, characterized in that a contact surface is provided on the base plate and on the circumference of the center disk respectively, the locking device presses the contact surface on the base plate in vertical direction towards the snowboard against the contact surface on the circumference of the center disk and the contact surface on the circumference of the center disk is provided on a radial projection of the center disk, which is designed as one piece with the center disk.

16. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the contact surface of the center disk and/or the contact surface on the base plate has a friction or positive connection against rotational movement of the center disk with respect to the base plate.

17. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 16, characterized in that the positive connection is formed by a toothing arrangement.

18. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the locking device for pressing together the contact surfaces on the center disk and the base plate has a screw which engages in the center disk and in the base plate in the area of the contact surfaces.

19. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 18, characterized in that the screw penetrates a circular-arc shaped slit about the center of the center disk in the area of the contact surfaces on the center disk and/or the base plate and is provided with an extension which overlaps the center disk and/or the base plate at the slit.

20. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the contact surface of the base plate is provided in a recess of the base plate.

21. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the circumferential section on the center disk which is tapered towards the snowboard and the edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening are of a smooth design.

22. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the circumferential section on the center disk which is tapered towards the snowboard and the edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening are of a curved or stepped design in their cross section.

23. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the base plate stands out with its

bottom side by less than 0.5 mm over the bottom side of the center disk.

24. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, characterized in that the fastening openings on both sides of the diameter of the center disk are arranged at the same distance from the diameter.

25. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 24, characterized in that the fastening openings are designed as elongated holes which run parallel to the diameter of the center disk.

26. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 24, characterized in that the contact surface of the center disk encloses on one side of the diameter an angle that is smaller than the angle of the contact surface on the other side of the diameter.